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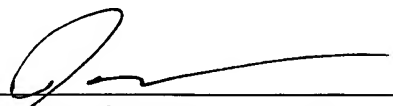
In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	SubClass	Filing Date If Appropriate
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	5,725,544	03/10/1998	Rygaard			
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